GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DUES OF FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry owe about Rs. 18,000 crore to the Food Corporation of India on account of foodgrains lifted for various welfare programmes;

(b) if so, whether the Standing Committee on Food and Public Distribution had expressed its concern over the mounting dues and had called for a fixed time-frame for clearing these dues;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to collect the dues alongwith the result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution releases admissible advance subsidy on a quarterly basis to the Food Corporation of India (FCI). However, on account of foodgrains distributed by the FCI under Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) of the Ministry of Rural Development and the Mid-day-Meal (MDM) Scheme of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, there are outstanding dues of the FCI of about Rs. 20, 600 crore as on 30th June 2005 against these Ministries.

(b), (c) & (d): The Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution has expressed concern over the huge outstanding dues of the FCI against these Ministries and has recommended that this Ministry should take up the matter at the highest level with the concerned Ministries.

The matter has been taken up at the highest level for expeditious liquidation of the outstanding dues of the FCI.